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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08 October 2003</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.


2. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brumfield in view of Fritts. Claim 1 is met by Brumfield except that in Brumfield the cylinder member is at the inlet end and the piston is at the outlet end, rather than the cylinder member being at the outlet end and the piston member being at the inlet end. It would have been obvious in view of Figures 1-2 of Fritts to modify the device of Brumfield such that the cylinder member is at the outlet end and the piston member is at the inlet end since Fritts discloses a piston and cylinder siphon initiator which functions equivalently. Regarding claim 3, the use of polyvinylchloride in the device of Brumfield would have been an obvious matter of design, well within the ambit of a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made. Regarding claim 6, it would have been an obvious matter of design well within the ambit of a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute a threaded connection for the barbed hose connection at 18 and 55 of Figure 2 of Brumfield. Regarding claims 7 and 9, it would have been obvious to substitute a coupling collar connection for the connection at 17 and 45 of Brumfield since applicant asserts no criticality in the particular type of connection.

3. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brumfield in view of Fritts as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Helander. This claim is considered met as above except that the check valves of Brumfield are ball valves instead of flapper valves. It would have been obvious in view of flapper valve 26 of Helander to substitute flapper valves for the ball check valves of Brumfield since flapper valves would function equivalently.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald A. Michalsky whose telephone number is (703) 308-1049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 AM - 2 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (703) 308-1272. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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